

2008 Title II Grant Recipients

3rd JD – Shawnee County Family Resource Center *School Based Truancy Prevention Project (2nd year) \$52,599*

The Shawnee County School-Based Truancy Prevention Project is a preventative and proactive approach to dealing with truancy and school non-attendance. The purpose of the Project is to reduce the number of students reported truant in Shawnee County. Services include:

- Identify “at risk” students based on targeted criteria;
- Clinical social work and intensive case management at the schools, home and in the community with identified students;
- Identify barriers to school attendance and academic success;
- Problem-solve with youth and family to resolve barriers (including access to transportation, incentives for meeting goals, accessing community resources, referral to alternative educational settings, and other needed social services)

The School-Based Truancy Prevention Project will provide services to at least 30 additional students in Shawnee County.

Budget:	\$33,870	.83 FTE Truancy Prevention Specialist (10 month contract)
		.1 FTE Project Director
	8,487	Employer Taxes & Fringe Benefits
	600	Travel
	600	Supplies
	1,380	Cell Phone & Internet
	800	Training
	3,885	Administration 8%
	3,200	Incentives/Flex Funds
	52,559	Total

8th JD - The Hub, Inc. *The Hub (2nd year) \$31,850*

The Hub is a non-profit teen center whose goal is to reach at-risk youth by giving them an alternative to delinquent behaviors by having a safe, fun social environment where they can develop positive social skills and become connected to pro-social peers and adults who act as supportive role models and promote healthy beliefs and clear standards. By playing an active role in the decision-making and operations of The Hub, these young people are also learning important life skills and developing attachments to their community.

The Hub is located in downtown Peabody, Kansas, where it seeks to impact youth 12 to 19 years old by giving them a place that they can call their own. The Hub provides both

organized events (dances, concerts, open-mike nights, movies, video games tournaments) and unorganized activities (pool, television, cards, board games, chess, video games). Currently, about 75 teens attend The Hub on weekend nights and about 40 per day during the week. All manpower is provided through committed volunteers.

Budget:	\$25,000	1 FTE Director
	1,925	Payroll Taxes
	805	Supplies
	4,020	General Operating Expenses
	100	Background Checks
	31,850	Total

**18th JD - Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas *Paths for Kids*
(2nd year) \$37,353**

Expansion of PATHS for Kids program in Wichita/Sedgwick County by 250 children, to increase service delivery to 850 children at risk. PATHS, an evidence-based practice, will be implemented through presentation of 12 weekly session, with 10-12 students enrolled per group, in Title I schools and other community settings. Goals for the project include reduction of risks associated with lack of commitment to school, risks related to early and persistent antisocial behavior, reduction of bullying and disruptive behavior in school and reduction of contact with the Juvenile Justice Authority.

PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies), created by Mark T. Greenburg, Ph.D. and Carol A. Kusche, Ph.D. The PATHS program is an elementary school curriculum shown to significantly social and emotional skills, covering the following areas: self-control, emotional understanding, self-esteem, peer relations, and interpersonal problem-solving skills. The proposed project will target children who are identified by school personnel and others as having risk factors for school suspension/expulsion, antisocial behavior, and/or school failure.

Budget:	\$23,971	.30 FTE Program Coordinator	.50 FTE Program Facilitator
	5,623	Employer Taxes & Fringe Benefits	
	2,797	Travel	
	437	Supplies	
	930	Luncheons parent involvement	
	3,595	.15% Indirect Total Personnel	
	37,353	Total	

18th JD - Communities in Schools of Wichita/Sedgwick County *CIS AT West High School* (2nd year) \$46,580

CIS leverages numerous community services/resources to assist students and their families to be successful. One of the greatest strengths of CSI is collaboration with the entire community. CIS employs a full-time site coordinator that receives student referrals from the school staff in order to identify and link appropriate community resources that will impact change. Tutors, mentors, small group facilitators, job shadows at local businesses, career exploration, and enrichment activities by local college/universities, social service organizations, civic/faith based organizations, and community volunteers are examples of community resources CIS regularly links to students and their families to build protective factors and reduce risk factors resulting in improved academic performance, attendance, behavior and family engagement.

CIS staff guides the students in goal-setting and then monitor student progress. Staff also ensures that parents are engaged through parent education activities and conferences, ensuring accountability and involvement. Staff conduct home visits (one of the first steps in the assessment process), engage parents in school-based activities (e.g. Parent University, parent/teacher conferences), make referrals to community services for disconnected parents, and maintain a flow of communication from the school to the parents and vice versa.

Budget:	\$38,730	1 FTE Site Coordinator	.378 FTE Program Assistant
		.20 FTE Program Director	
	6,500	Employer Taxes & Fringe Benefits	
	500	Travel	
	550	Supplies	
	300	Staff Development	
	46,580	Total	

20th JD - Communities In Schools of Rice County *Mentoring and Life Skills* (2nd year) \$52,300

The Communities In Schools (CIS) of Rice County, Inc. Youth Friends Mentoring and Life Skills Program is designed to coordinate human services and provide effective life skills training to at-risk youth through the supportive and safe environment of the public schools.

In addition, a Youth Friends program will be implemented to include recruiting, screening, training, interviewing and placing volunteers in identified schools. Services also include introducing the Life Skills curriculum to district staff and providing Life Skills Training of Facilitators to interested volunteers and staff. CIS staff will participate in Life Skills training.

The target population to be served is students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. At-risk youth will be given priority placement with student-mentor matches. The number of youth who will be served by the program is estimated to be 300.

Budget:	\$37,200	1 FTE Executive Director	.5 FTE Program Specialist
	4,526	Employer Taxes & Fringe Benefits	
	2,330	Travel	
	1,500	Laptop, Laminator	
	982	Supplies	
	3,200	Consultants	
	840	Life Skills Curriculum	
	1,430	Cell Phones & Internet	
	100	Advertising	
	52,108	Total	

23rd JD – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County *Faith Community Mentoring Program* (2nd year) \$42,644

The Faith Community Mentoring Program will build the capacity of Ellis County Big Brothers Big Sisters to include the community's faith population, an untapped resource for volunteers. The initiative will engage prospective mentors from church congregations, University Christian organizations, youth groups, and students at a local private Christian high school. The targeted population will be youth 5-17, with a goal of matching 50 at risk children with positive adult role models. The first phase of the project will involve students at the private school mentoring youth at the elementary school, with anticipation that students will get their families involved in the initiative. Collaboration with the Ministerial Alliance, the second phase, will involve congregations to join the mentoring initiative, thus bringing more volunteers to the program.

Budget:	\$30,000	1 FTE Case Manager
	9,155	Employer Taxes & Fringe Benefits
	384	Travel
	1,500	Supplies
	1,625	Background Checks, Volunteer Recruitment
	42,664	Total

25th JD – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Scott, Greeley, Wichita Counties *Mentors For Scott Youth* (2nd year) \$17,213

The goal for Mentors for Scott Youth (MSY) is to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency in Scott County by increasing the number of youth who have positive role models. Research shows that providing mentors for youth considerably lessens their likelihood of initiating problem behaviors.

MSY will provide one-on-one adult volunteers for school-aged boys and girls who are considered at-risk for juvenile delinquency. Educators, social workers, counselors, parents, judges, and other individuals refer the youth.

This project will enable BB/BS to hire a part-time case manager to serve Scott County. The case manager, in turn, will allow BBBS to serve more youth. MSY goal is to serve 55 Scott County youth in 2007.

Budget:	\$11,836	.5 FTE Case Manager
	1,180	20 hrs/wk
	1,076	Travel
	1,797	Notebook Computer, and Printer
	235	Supplies
	864	Recruit Mentors
	225	Background Checks
	17,213	Total

25th JD – Catholic Social Services *Teen Mom's* (2nd year) \$30,888

Teen Mom's is an expansion of an existing program that serves pregnant and parenting mothers by providing structure, support, opportunities for involvement, encouragement to complete educational goals and encouragement to delay further pregnancies. The expansion project will add a Spanish-speaking program assistant to reach out to the quickly growing Hispanic population and engage them in services.

The Teen Moms will accomplish this goal by supporting teen mothers in an attempt to prevent them from entering the judicial system while in turn, providing her support needed so that her child will avoid the cycle of juvenile delinquency that many times is prevalent among children of teen parents. The target population for the Teen Mom's program is pregnant and parenting teens between the ages of 13 and 23. In addition, Teen Mom's hope to engage at least 5 Hispanic teen mothers and serve a total of 11 teen mothers during the grant year.

Budget:	\$21,840	1 FTE Spanish Speaking Program Assistant
	6,798	Employer Taxes & Fringe Benefits
	1,250	Supplies
	1,000	Advertising/Promotion
	30,888	Total

